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REMARKS

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1. On 4 November 1954, ration strength figures of units of Infantry Division Prenzlau were as indicated below:

a. Headquarters units and independent battalions of the division:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>NCOs and E1</u>
Division headquarters	79	20
Headquarters personnel company	5	62
Motor supply section	8	71
Motor maintenance section	10	44
Signal battalion, bakery company, motor transport school, gas defense, flash- and sound-ranging unit, reconnaissance battalion	79	706
Hospital	-	59
Soviet advisers	12	
	<u>197</u>	<u>870</u>

- b. 2d Inf Regt (Prenzlau):

Regimental headquarters (including 6 officers and 22 NCOs and E1 of the artillery ordnance section)	39	29
Regimental school	8	139
Motor transport company	8	69
Service platoon	-	33
Band	2	12
Gas defense section	-	4
Dispensary and detention room	2	26
1st Bn	42	307
2nd Bn	33	149
3d Bn	35	163

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Reconnaissance unit	2	32
Signal unit	7	42
Engineer unit	3	40
AT unit	6	38
AAA unit	1	14
Mortar unit	4	52
SP unit	5	17
	197	1,166

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2. These ration strength figures still included 150 men who had been discharged on 22 October 1954, but were still kept on the ration roll until 15 November. On 4 November, about 500 men who belonged mainly to the 2d and 3d Bns were absent for harvest. 1
3. Reassignments which followed the discharges were concluded prior to 8 November. Three hundred soldiers reassigned from the infantry regiment which was commanded by Muentzer (fnu) went mainly to Oranienburg and Wolfsruh near Gransee. Personnel reassigned to the regiment included 30 NCOs and EM who came from the komendatura on Alexanderplatz in Berlin, and about 60 officers who came from the Oranienburg, Treptow and Erfurt officer schools. Only 20 officers stayed with the regiment, while the other 40 officers were reassigned to units which were stationed at Pinnow and Torgelow. 1 and 2
4. From 4 to 11 November, a training course for company leaders was held in Torgelow under the direction of Major Itzekiel (fnu) from the division headquarters. 3
5. Regular service activity was not resumed after the discharges. The new training year was scheduled to begin on 1 December 1954.
6. In late October, 15 men were dispatched to the Berlin area in an effort to recruit volunteers for the KVP. Nationalized plants and administrative agencies were mainly subjected to the recruiting campaign, termination of which was scheduled for late November 1954. 4
7. [redacted] the general status of training shown by the troops at the fall inspections was "hardly satisfactory" in political and military performance. 50X1-HUM
1. [redacted] Comment. If the statements cover all changes of personnel, the number of inductees exceeds the number of discharges by about 50. Considering reassignments, the arithmetic result is computed at a reduction of the regimental strength by about 150 men. It is believed that, in fact, the actual strength exceeds the ration strength figures indicated in running reports which are subject to short-term fluctuations. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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3. Comment. The 1st Inf Regt is stationed at Pinnow and the other units of the division are stationed at Torgelow-Droegheide. Major Itzekiel (fnu) has been mentioned in a previous report of July 1954 as captain and officer on special assignment at the headquarters of Infantry Division Prenzlau.

4. Comment: Other units have also dispatched recruiting detachments.

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